



The Index



94- 2

A Monthly Publication of News and Events

Feb. 1994

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS BEING COLLECTED -

The Town of Trappe will more aggressively pursue delinquent water and sewer bills. To reiterate, a bill is considered delinquent after 90 days, at which time a penalty will begin to accrue. Water and sewer bills more than 2 quarters delinquent will be placed on the tax sale list. Water and sewer customers experiencing an extreme financial hardship should contact one of the Commissioners or the Town Clerk **prior** to the end of the 90 day repayment period.

NEW WATER TOWER COMING -

The water tower and water system improvements project is back on track. A contract with Milt Carew has been submitted and is being reviewed by the Town Attorney. Two independent engineering firms have evaluated the work completed to date and have found no compelling reason not to continue. There is much still to be done before the new system is in place.



WASTEWATER PLANT SUBJECT OF STUDY -

The Commissioners have been working with a consultant to find a way to add additional capacity to the wastewater treatment plant. A request for engineering proposals will be advertised later this month. If all goes as planned, construction could begin early in 1995. Until the improvements go online, the number of permitted new connections will be very limited.

DOES YOUR STREET NEED REPAIR? -

The Commissioners are entering the time of year when infrastructure repair projects need to be started. Of particular concern are the streets and sidewalks of this Town, with the exception of Main Street. (Repairs to Main Street are part of a project currently being planned by the State.) Please contact a Commissioner if there are glaring deficiencies in a street or sidewalk near you.

FAX & COPY SERVICE - The copy machine in the Town Office has been repaired and is again producing excellent copies. A Fax machine is also being installed and should be ready for use this week. Stop by the office and check out this new service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE - Except where prohibited by law, Town records are available for public inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours. Whenever possible, please notify the office in advance. We will make every effort to have the requested information ready when you arrive. The **delinquent** portion of water and sewer bills are available for examination by the public, including the local press!

SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION - Due to the severe weather experienced last month, there will be another special trash collection on Friday, February 25. Residents are reminded that refrigeration appliances containing Freon must be properly evacuated before disposal. Call the Town Office or Thomas' Junk Yard for more information about this procedure.

ZONING MEETINGS CHANGED - The regular monthly meetings of The Trappe Planning Commission have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p. m.. The Planning Commission is currently developing a new comprehensive plan for The Town of Trappe. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

PERMIT FEES TO CHANGE - Building permit rates have been adjusted to more accurately reflect their cost. Under the new schedule, a building permit will cost \$10, \$15, or \$30, plus the MDIA inspection fees. This



represents a significant **reduction** in the cost of many permits. Information on the new rates is available in the Town Office.

ABOUT TOWN

VALENTINE DANCE -

The Trappe Community Action Team and the White Marsh Elementary School PTA are cosponsoring an Oldie Goldie Valentine's Day dance at the WMES on February 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. WMES students & staff and members of the Trappe community are cordially invited.



Station 30's Finest -

On January 15, The Trappe Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. held its annual Initiation Banquet for administrative and line officers for 1994. The new officers for TVFC are as follows:



President	Don English
Vice President	Charles Dobson
Secretary	John Sullivan
Treasurer	Gene Blades
Asst. Sec. Treas.	Judy Blockston
Trustees	Terry Adams
	Dallas Johns
	George McCracken
	Timmy Schwaninger
	Mike Wyatt
Parliamentarian	John Sullivan
Chaplain	Rev. John Cahall
Chief	Barry Slaughter
Asst. Chief	Mike Dickerson
Captain	Jeff Milligan
1st. Lt.	Eddie Roberts
2nd. Lt.	Dallas Johns
Ambulance Captain	Tammy Quidas
Ambulance Lt.	Luke Outten
Chief Engineer	Fred McCracken
Asst. Engineer	Sonny Diefenderfer
Asst. Engineer	John Hummer

The Rookie of the Year Cadet Award goes to Travis Weems. His desire to help the Company through hard work and dedication exemplify what the Cadet Program is all about.

The Rookie of the Year for a Probationary Member goes to Vaughn Brooks. Vaughn has been an asset to our organization. We wish Vaughn a speedy recovery from a car accident a few months ago. Our prayers and thoughts are with him.

The Chief's Award was started this year to recognize an outstanding performance based on training hours, calls attended and effort put forth over the entire year. The 1993 Chiefs award goes to Curtis Chase.

During 1993, the TVFC responded to 109 fire calls, 158 ambulance calls and 12 drills. Equipment traveled 9692 miles and consumed 861.1 gals. of gasoline and 665.8 gals. of diesel fuel. A total of 1795 personnel responded to calls for 1415.25 total man hours.

The top five responders to fire calls were: Bobby Quidas 102, Mike Dickerson 78, Curtis Chase and Jeff Milligan 77, and Shirley Quidas 75. The top five responders to ambulance calls were: Shirley Quidas 105, Tammy Quidas 101, Bobby Quidas 99, Don English 90, and Tracey Quidas 65.

The members of the TVFC would like to thank all of those who attended our annual banquet. Good fellowship and food was appreciated. We all must

support our community and our organization. When our community and neighboring counties call, we will try our best to save property and most of all lives.

RENTERS ASSOCIATION TO ORGANIZE - Are you having problems with your landlord? Is your list of repairs becoming longer? Are you wondering if what you are paying for is what you are getting? One voice is seldom heard. Call



467 3266 for more information about the **Renters Association of Trappe**.

Tenants have rights, but so do landlords. Renters are advised to seek professional legal advice before withholding rent payments.

CHURCH SUPPERS - Three local area churches will be holding pancake suppers on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 15: Scott's / Williamsburg, 6 p.m., \$3.00 per person at the Williamsburg church; St. Paul's Episcopal church, 5 to 7 p.m. \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children; Trappe United Methodist Church, 6 p.m., freewill offering.

NEW GAME IN TOWN - The White Marsh Elementary School PTA will sponsor a Bingo Party on March 11, at 7:00 p.m.. There will be food and prizes; come out and support the WMES PTA.

IGLOO STATION COMING - A new recycling station for newspaper, all metal cans, glass containers, and plastic milk jugs is expected to be in operation next to Shore Stop by March 1st.. At that time,



the barrels at the South Main Street pumping station will be removed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Feb. 11** TCAT / WMES PTA Valentine's dance
- Feb. 13** Scout Sunday, services at Trappe U. M. Ch.
- Feb. 15** Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers at three local churches (see story above).
- Feb. 16** Ash Wednesday Services, Trappe U. M. Church, 7:00 p.m.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Scott's U. M. Church, 7:00 p.m. at Waters U. M. Church in Oxford. Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25** Special Trash collection
- Mar. 02** Town Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11** WMES PTA bingo party

The INDEX is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions to the Calendar of Events and **short** articles that are of general interest to the Community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners. The Council reserves the right to edit or reject any item submitted.